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REPORT.

OF THE

SELECTMEN

AND

OTHER TOWN OFFICERS,

OF

WASHINGTON, N. H.

For the Year ending March 1, 1884.

WASHINGTON, N. H.
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1884.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

TOWN OF WASHINGTON IN ACCOUNT WITH THE SELECTMEN OF SAID TOWN.

DR.

By cash received of Treasurer, 1882,	$173.38	
" B. D. Cram, Col. 1882,	335.48	
" J. Wilkins, " 1879,	11.40	
Amount of State, Co. Town & School taxes,	2869.88	
" Non-resident Highway tax,	272.28	
" Dog tax, ...	52.00	
Cash received from County, ...	149.60	
" Savings Bank tax, ...	637.74	
" Literary Fund, ...	73.44	
" A. H. Jaquith, Sexton, ...	4.50	
" G. Willie Carr, "	4.00	
" Bounty from the State, ...	10.70	
" Maps, Dis. Nos. 2 & 3, ...	10.00	
" Dexter Ball, ...	100,00	
" School-house tax, Dis. 1,5&7,	380.36	
" Highway taxes of 1882, collected by B. D. Cram, ..	41.48	
" Taxes added, ...	9.45	
TOTAL.		5135.69

CASH PAID.

Paid School Districts,	$814.48	
" State Tax,	768. 00	
" County Tax,	801.53	
" Non-Resident Highway tax worked,	199.51	
" Discount on taxes,	95.00	
" Taxes abated 1883,	7.12	
" Road Bills,	379.18	
" Pauper Expences,	521.99	
" Miscellaneous Expences,	447.83	
" Library Expences,	48.52	
" School-house tax, Dis. No. 1,	300.00	
" " " " 5,	17.00	
" " " " 7,	50.00	
" Town Officers,	347.60	
TOTAL,		$4797.76
Balance,		337.93

ROAD BILLS.

DISTRICT No. 1

Paid Alden Davis,	$10.81	
" B. D. Cram,	.75	
" Levi Harthon,	3.61	
" Alden Davis,	.60	
		$15.77

DISTRICTS No. 2 & 3

" A. A. Tandy,	$8.19	
" C. D. Fowler,	2.52	
" John Wood,	7.39	
		$18.10

DISTRICT No. 4

Paid Edward W. Severance,	$7.35	
" Auren Peasley,	13.80	
" H. A. Severance,	5.25	
" W. D. Severance,	7.80	
" Mason H. Carr,	8.20	
		$42.40

DISTRICT No. 5

" A. J. Cutting, Powder & fuse,	1.44	
" A. J. Cutting, spikes &c.,	.54	
" M. H. Carr, plank,	5.36	
" G. W. Carr,	2.48	
" H. J. Gage, powder & fuse,	.95	
		$10.77

DISTRICT No. 6

" F. P. Fletcher,	3.99	
" G. E. Woodward,	2.48	
" Samuel Fletcher,	2.44	
" T. P. Woodward,	4.12	
		$13.03

DISTRICT No. 7

" M. H. Carr, plank,	2.13	
" Amariah Crane,	5.13	
		7.26

DISTRICT No. 8

" M. H. & W. W. Dole, plank &c.,	9.90

DISTRICT No. 9

Paid	G. M. Blanchard,	$4.50	
"	Frank Friend,	5.85	
"	Galen E. Blanchard,	2.32	
"	Gaielner Atwood,	2.70	
"	Powder & fuse,	.87	
			$16.24

DISTRICT No. 10

"	J. F. Bailey,	$2.70	
"	H. Mc Adams,	2.85	
			5.55

DISTRICT No. 11

"	Hiram I. Hoyt,	$10.86	
"	" "	8.74	
			19.60

DISTRICT No. 12

"	A. P. Howe,	$3.02	
"	O. W. Batchelder,	9.89	
"	D. Y. Barnes,	6.75	
"	A. Marshall,	10.87	
"	O. W. Batchelder	5.20	
"	Powder & fuse,	.24	
			35.97

DISTRICT No. 13

"	Silas P. Gleason,		14.70

DISTRICT No. 14

"	Elgin G. Farnsworth,	$12.95	
"	C. K. Farnsworth,	7.40	
"	G. S. Jefts, damage to field,	1.00	
"	J. A. Simonds, "	2.00	
"	E. G. Farnsworth,	5.09	
"	C. K. "	1.64	

Paid S. M. Hurd,	$.60	
" Ira Brockway,	5.00	
		$35.68

DISTRICT No. 15

" Elles Copeland	$5.39	
" A. P. Wright,	9.12	
" S. M. Farnsworth,	.45	
		14.96

DISTRICT No. 16

" S. M. Farnsworth, Plank & labor,	$4.10	
" W. D. Friend,	5.63	
" E. Farnsworth, Plank,	3.67	
		13.40

DISTRICT No. 17

" E. W. Brooks,	$9.70	
" O. G. Putney,	6.82	
" H. W. Clyde,	1.73	
" Wm. Farnsworth,	5.40	
" J. S. "	8.62	
" H. W. Dodge,	1.01	
" O. G. Putney, Plank,	2.00	
" "	3.75	
" Powder & fuse,	.89	
		39.92

DISTRICT No. 19

" Greeley Putney,	$17.55	
" " " Plank & labor,	10.24	
" Dexter Ball,	1.05	
" Powder & fuse,	1.14	
" S. W. Hurd,	1.05	
" Ira Brockway,	1.05	
		32.08

DISTRICT No. 20

Paid	A. O. Codman,	$2.25	
"	Levi Harthon, Plank,	1.78	
"	J. L. Butterfield,	2.10	
"	A. O. Codman,	4.50	
"	" "	10.20	
"	" " Plank & labor,	10.40	
"	P. C Cheeney Co.,	1.12	
"	S. W. Hurd,	.75	
"	Ira Brockway,	.75	
			$33.85
	TOTAL,		$379.18

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENCES.

Paid	W. P. Batchelder, wood for library,	$12.00
"	E. C. Eastman, Stationery,	6.25
"	T. H. Holland, Board bill,	9.00
"	F. H. Howe, printing Reports, 1882,	14.00
"	C. Carley, watering trough,	3.00
"	G. N. Gage, return of Births & Deaths,	2.00
"	F. H. Howe, Bills for Fish Warden,	.75
"	A. Marshall, wood for Library 1882,	1.25
"	H. J. Gage & G. W. Carr, building Hearse House,	180.00
"	John Goodell, return of Births,	.75
"	A. H. Jaquith, Cushion for Hearse and labor on Tomb.	3.85
"	G. W. Carr, repairs on Hearse, &c.	.85
"	N. A. Lull, stove pipe for Town Hall,	2.70
"	" Stationery,	.25
"	" Powder & fuse, (dlvd Whitney).	15
"	J. L. Safford, repairs on Town House	1.90

Paid G. Millen, interest on note Dis. No. 1,	$15.00	
" M. Perkins, return of Births,	.25	
" A. C. Marshall, wood for Town House,	1.50	
" Ira Brockway board bill & cash paid,	36.75	
" S. M. Farnsworth, board bill,	7.00	
" S. W. Hurd, board bill & cash paid,	38.66	
" D. Ball, note and interest,	103.87	
" F. H. Howe, printing Coll. blanks,	2.85	
" W. E. Brooks, recording Deeds,	2.00	
TOTAL,		$447.83

CASH PAID FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

Paid for Richard O. Smart & wife,	$171.45	
" Wm. P. Greenleaf,	74.00	
" Lucy Wood,	45.05	
" Joel Severance,	42.14	
" Laura Prior,	58.25	
" Charles Ayer,	39.00	
" Charlotte Howe,	41.15	
" Cyrus Mc Adams,	19.00	
" Adam R. Snell,	19.95	
" Sarah Friend,	12.00	
TOTAL,		$521.99

SERVICES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Auditors for 1882,	$6.00
E. G. Farnsworth, Supervisor,	6.00
G. N. Gage, S. S. Committee,	40.00
Geo. M. Wright, Town Clerk,	28.00
Horace F. Chase, Supervisor's Bill,	7.50
George M. Wright, " "	7.00
S. W. Hurd, Services as Selectman,	64.75
" " Overseer of Poor,	22.75

Paid S. M. Farnsworth, Selectman,	$42.00	
" Ira Brockway, "	51.00	
" Ira Brockway, Overseer of the poor,	3.25	
" B. D. Cram, Collector,	54.35	
" J. Wilkins, Treasurer,	15.00	
TOTAL,		347.60

RECAPITULATION.

SELECTMEN DR.

To amount received,	$5135.69

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By amount paid in orders,	4797.76
BALANCE,	337.93

CLAIMS AGAINST THE TOWN.

Note to School District No. 1,	250.00	
Interest due on School fund April 1. 1884,	30.00	
TOTAL,		280.00

ASSETS.

Cash in Treasurer's hands,	$25.93	
Due from B. D. Cram, Collector 1883,	303.57	
TOTAL ASSETS,		$329.50
Amount of Claims deducted,		280.00
Balance in favor of the Town, March 1st 1884,		49.50
Also an execution against Erastus Wilson, of		513.71

S. W. Hurd,
S. M. Farnsworth,
Ira Brockway,
} Selectmen of Washington.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

Feb. 28th, 1884.

The Committee chosen to audit the accounts of the Selectmen the past year find their accounts well vouched and correctly cast.

H. J. GAGE,
M. H. DOLE,
H. I. HOYT, } AUDITORS.

Library Committee's Report.

FEB. 25, 1884.

Drew from Treasury, interest 1884, ...	$100.00	
Received from Last Committee, ...	2.86	
" " 1 book, ...	.50	
" " Town, ...	56.12	
Total Receipts, ...		$159.48
Money in hands of Librarian, ...		1.79
TOTAL, ...		161.27
Paid Estes & Lauriat, ...	$81.72	
History of Amherst.	4,65	
" Antrim, ...	3.03	
N. H. Poets, ...	3.00	
Printing Catalogues, ...	2.00	
Express and Postage, ...	2.96	
Repairs and Express on Books, ...	4.35	

Paid Mrs. C. H. M. Hurd, Librarian, ...	$39.00	
Librarian's Incidental Expenses, ...	3.40	
O. W. Batchelder, Wood, ...	12.00	
Expenses for Library Cleaning &c., ...	1.72	
Total Expenses, ...		157.56
Money in hands of Committee March 1, 1884, ...		3.71
No. Books purchased Jan. 1884, ...	51	
" donated, ...	1	
Whole No. now in Library, ...	1650	
No. books circulated in the year 1883, ...	3646	

G. M. Wright,
S. G. Eaton,
S. J. Millen,
} Library Committee.

REPOTR OF THE
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

To the Citizens of the Town of Washington:

The following report of the schools in this town for the past year is respectfully submitted.

The past year has been one of prosperity in most of the schools in town. Generally, as far as could be learned, there has been a harmonious feeling between teachers, scholars, and parents, without which no school can prosper. In general, experienced teachers have been employd, there having been but one teacher who had not had previous experience. In six of the districts of the town a teacher was retained throughout the year to the great advantage of the schools. It is suggested that prudential committees secure their teachers for the school year as far as possible, as considerable time is required at the begining of a term for a strnager to acquaint himself with the condition and needs of his pupils.

No changes have been made in the text books used in this town. Too frequent changes of books, unless we except readers, are a positive injury to pupils of ordinary capacity. To keep up an interest in reading, however, it is necessary to present, from time to time, fresh material. A change of readers, in the near future, is suggested.

In order to raise, or even to keep up the standard of excellence in our schools, increased attention should be given them. The school room should be neat and home-like, adorned with a few pictures, and supplied with a globe,

dictionary and several maps. The outside of the house and the play ground need more attention than they generally receive. A few shade trees around a school-house, set at small expense, would in a few years add marked beauty to the place, and silently teach a lesson.

Teachers should be obtained who are *adapted to their work*, and not hired because they are "cheap." A few extra dollars contributed by the citizens of districts where there is little school money would greatly improve the condition of the schools. "Reward sweetens labor," and as a rule, the labors of teachers are measured by "value received." A report of the several districts and the roll of honor are appended.

GEORGE N. GAGE. SUPT.

District No. 1

Both terms were taught by Miss Belle C Hoyt of Hillsboro'. Miss Hoyt is one of the quietest of teachers, and under her care the school appeared finely and excellent progress was made. This district deserves praise for the enterprise which it has exhibited the past year in the erection of by far the finest school edifice in town. It is a model for convenience, and is appreciated by teacher and pupils.

District No. 2

The school for the year was taught by Miss Phebe E. Wood of Washington, who labored hard and successfully for the good of the school. The record of attendance was one of the best in town.

District No. 3

Two terms of school in this district were taught by Miss Jennie S. Hill of Washington. The school, though very small, appeared exceedingly well at examination.

District No. 4

The first term in this district was taught by Miss Agnes L. Barney of East Washington, a young lady of rare accomplishments, and one destined to rank among the best of our teachers. She not only won the love and respect of her scholars, but succeeded admirably in her work of instruction.

The second term was taught by Miss Sophia R. Pike of Newport, a lady of large experience as a teacher, who continued very successfully the good work of her Predecessor. The good work done in this district was in part due to the intelligence and rectitude of the scholars. They knew what was right and did it.

District No. 5

Three sessions of school were held in this district, all taught by Miss Eva M. Fletcher of Greenfield, a very practical and successful teacher. Miss F. labored diligently and earnestly for the good of her school, and merited and received the love of all her pupils. Her examinations showed thoroughness of instruction. The teacher and scholars, during the past year, generously presented the district, for the use of its school room, an elegant copy of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary.

District No. 6

The summer term was taught by Miss Annie B. Hazen of Hillsboro'. The instruction and discipline in this school were excellent. Miss Hazen has a dignity of manner and a faculty of imparting instruction which combine to render her one of the very best of teachers.
The second term was taught by Miss Fannie G. French of Hillsboro', an experienced teacher, and one who, in every way, continued the good work of her Predecessor. The school-house in this district has been thoroughly repaired and presents a very neat appearance.

District No. 7

Two terms of school were taught in this district. The first was taught by Miss Jennie S. Hill, who labored earnestly and well for the wellfare of the school. There was a lack of interest apparent on the part of the scholars and a slight laxity of government.

The second term was taught by Miss Emily J. Wood of Washington. This was Miss Wood's first attempt at teaching. Miss W. is well qualified for the work of a teacher, and did her part well.

There were noticable, however, the same faults which belonged to the first term, by which I am led to infer that the fault is less in teachers than in scholars. Some repairs upon the school-house might be made to advantage.

District No. 8

Both terms in this district were taught by Miss Cora E. Tandy of Washington. The school was small, but equaled in appearance any in town. The record of attendance was almost perfect, and the order and instruction were equally good.

District No. 9

Both terms were taught by Miss Abbie E Hall of Unity. Miss H. is a young lady of excellent education, and labored for the good of her school. A stricter discipline would have improved the school. The school-house in this district could be improved at small expense.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Dis. No. 1: Laura L. Barnes, Fannie B. Eaton, Blanche M. Barney, Ida M. Chapin, Kate J. Cram, Bessie P. Barney, Maud M. Crane, Alice E. Thompson, John W. Brooks.

Dis. No. 2: Lydia A. Wood, Florence E. Fowler, Willie J. Wood, Auren L. Powers, Henry A. Fowler, Robert M. Fowler.

Dist. No. 3: Lena B. Edwards, Addie R. Page, Edith R. Hill, Arthur C. Edwards.

Dist. No. 4: Luella Farnsworth, Annie Banner, Rosa Millen, Ernest Barron, Nellie M. Farnsworth, Merton A. Farnsworth.

Dist. No. 5: Clara Peaslee, Venetta D. Brown, Emma A. Meyers, Gertie Mc Ilvaine, Ada Carr, Loria A. Cheeney, Etta Gile, Hattie Davis, Minnie F. Gage, Norris Muzzey, Fred Monroe, Louis Lincoln, Eugene C. Gage, Eugene Woodward. Ernest G. Cheeney, Leroy Monroe, William Tandy, Clarence Mc Ilvaine, Nettie Crane.

Dist. No. 6: Lunetta V. Blanchard, Maud S. Coolidge, Maud E. Dole, Ira C. Blanchard, Fred W. Dole, Charles H. Hoyt, Everett Blanchard.

Dist. No 7: Grace M. Friend, Fred W. Friend, Ada M. Copeland, Ethel A. Copeland.

Dist. No. 8: Emma Spaulding, Albert L. Crane, Charles H. Grandy, Grace Crane, Susie Spaulding.

Dist. No. 9: Merton G. Codman, Albert S. Manley, John C. Butterfield.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

No. of district.	Prudential Committees.	Amt. of school money.	Wages of teachers per month.			Length of school in weeks.			Average Attendance.		
			1st term.	2nd term.	3d term.	1st term.	2nd term.	3d term.	1st term.	2nd term.	3d term.
1	Gardner Millen, S. W. Hurd. Mrs. G. M. Wright,	$235.46	$20	$20		10	9		24.80	13	
2	Clinton D. Fowler,	59.21	14	16		6	9		7	8	
3	Elgin G. Farnsworth.	57.57	16	16		6	7		7	5.35	
4	Emily F. Banner.	55.50	16	16		8	10		7	10	
5	Auren Peaslee.	186.55	24	26	30	8	8	10	21.05	33	27
6	Jefferson A. Holmes.	85.32	18	20		9.6	11		10.58	13.146	
7	Ellis Copeland.	47.66	10	14.80		7	12		12	13	
8	Alfred W. Crane.	45.50	10	11		6	9		6	6	
9	M. O. Butterfield.	41.71	10	15.08		6	7		6	4	

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